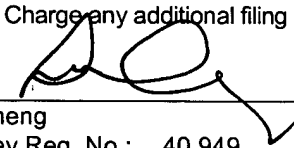




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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 (Paper No. 20040722), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.